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Walking across campus in the cold and trudging to class could make winter feel like a pain in the butt, but snow does not have to make you roll your eyes. In Ames, even at Iowa State, there are fun activities to partake in. Here are 10 examples of winter time shenanigans that college students can enjoy.



ICE FISHING

If you are an outdoorsy person, there are fish ready to be caught! At the Ada Hayden Heritage Park, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources reports there is a lake you could ice fish on. The park also has trails, so if you do not like fishing, going on a calm walk through a fresh snowfall can be relaxing.

SNOWSHOES

Ever seen the shoes that some Alaskans wear to get around in winter on foot? They are snowshoes. According to the Alaska Native Knowledge Network, there are two types: trail and bearpaw. The front tip of the trail snowshoes is turned up for powder snow, and bearpaw snowshoes are flat, meant for walking on hard, packed snow. That could be a fun experiment to try on campus when it snows! Iowa State's Outdoor Recreation offers snowshoes for a day for \$5 for rec pass holders or \$9 for nonrec pass holders. You may get weird looks, but you will get to classes faster!

DRESS UP AS A YETI

The cold weather can put a damper on people's moods, especially after coming back to school after a much needed winter break. Dress up as a Yeti and make someone laugh or scare your enemy. The costume, depending on where you get it, would keep you warm and spread some curiosity around campus. Who is this Yeti? You could be the talk of the campus. The white squirrel would finally have some competition.

SNOWCONES

Scoop up clean, powdery snow, as much as you want to eat, and add your favorite kind of flavoring. You can either buy the flavorings in the bottles at stores or make your own. If you make your own, you need KoolAid (of your choice), sugar and warm water. Dissolve kool-aid and sugar in warm water then put it in your fridge. When you are ready for a snow cone, pour the liquid over your snow cone and enjoy.

BUILD A SNOWMAN

Olaf is not the only snowman who wants to be built. Make a snowman on central campus, by your residence halls, outside your apartments, wherever! To make it more realistic, put food coloring in a spray bottle and make your snowman come to life. You could make Cy and actually color him cardinal and gold. Sometimes, it can be tiring making a snowman. So then lay on the ground and make a snow angel. You could cover the entire center of campus with your snow angels. Make sure you are dressed warm if you take on that challenge!

HOCKEY TEAM

If you like aggressive sports, hockey is a game you should see. You will be amazed by the pace of the game. The players slam against one another while balancing the puck. It only costs five dollars for an ISU student with a student ID. Their regular season ends February 28 and the arena is by Wallace and Wilson Towers.

MILKSHAKES

Snow can make delicious treats — just make sure to check the snow before eating it. One simple recipe calls for two cups of clean snow, one packet of cocoa mix, one teaspoon of vanilla and 1/2 1/4 cup of milk. Mix the snow, cocoa and vanilla in a bowl and slowly add the milk until it is the texture you prefer. You can make milkshakes with clean snow too! Mix powdery snow with whipped cream out of a can until it is fluffy. Add whatever kind of flavoring you like — chocolate syrup, butterscotch or caramel. If you make ice cream or a milkshake, make sure to do it fast before the snow melts!

SHIPPING SNOW

College students are scrambling for money, so why not sell what we have an abundant amount of? Snow. Kyle Waring of Boston, Massachusetts, started a website, ShipSnowYo, and is selling six pounds of snow in an insulated Styrofoam box for \$89 or a 10 pound box of snow for \$119. Many are ordering them as a gag gift to give to someone, but people from warmer climates are also buying them. Think of other things Iowa has that other states may not be accustomed to — it's one way to make quick money.

ICE SKATING

If watching hockey isn't your thing, the Ames/ISU Ice Arena offers public skating throughout the week. Hopefully, if you've ice skated before, you won't end cold, hard ground, Taylor Swift-style — but that can also be part of the fun. Normal admission for an adult costs five dollars. If you've never skated before, now is your chance!

CHILLING FIRESIDE

After doing all of those winter activities like Buddy the Elf wants to, you could be cold, so stay inside and snuggle. Invite some friends over, and each of you can bring your favorite movie, and a hot dish. Make popcorn, hot chocolate, brownies, cookies, soup or whatever your heart desires. Maybe your family has a secret recipe for something delicious? While you are stuffing your face and watching movies, play card games that are actually not on your phones. *Gasp!* Putting down your phones might seem terrible, but believe us, it's worth it. Friends, food, movies and a break from technology. ☺